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PRODUCTION OF FOODGRAINS,PULSES AND OILSEEDS
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether India is the biggest importer of pulses, oilseeds and foodgrains in the world;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government has prepared any special plan to increase the production of pulses and oilseeds in the country; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION(PROF. K.V. THOMAS)

(a)&(b): As per the data released by Food and Agriculture Organisation (FAO) for the year 2007, India is the largest importer of pulses but not of oilseeds and foodgrains. 2.95 million tonnes of pulses were imported, by India, in 2007.

(c)&(d): With a view to increase the production and productivity of pulses and oilseeds, the Government is implementing, interalia, National Food Security Mission (NFSM), Integrated Scheme of Oilseeds, Pulses, Oilpalm and Maize (ISOPOM) and Macro Management Mode of Agriculture (MMA) etc.